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Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Air Power

Quote of the Week

"Airpower is a force to fatally undermine [an enemy's] ability to wage war."

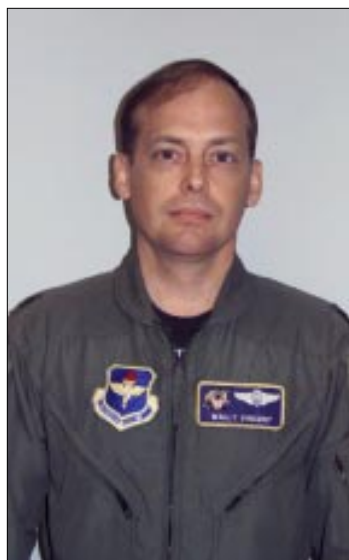
— Omar Bradley

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Laughlin lieutenant colonel honored at Air War College



Vincent

**By Airman
Timothy J. Stein**
Staff writer

A Laughlin officer was named the Air War College's nonresident studies graduate for 2001 on May 6.

Lt. Col. Stephen Vincent, 47th Operations Support Squadron assistant director of operations, finished first out of 1,792 students who completed Air War College by nonresident seminar or correspondence in 2001.

"I have to admit this

recognition has come as something of a shock," said Vincent. "It is quite an honor to be selected and I am most gratified. Anyone who has tried to balance professional military education with normal duties will tell you it poses a rather daunting prospect. As for me personally, the fact is I simply enjoyed a lot of the material. In my previous life at the Pentagon, I was intimately involved in operations and

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Photo by Dave Niebergall

Look up there!

Approximately 25,000 people showed up at Laughlin for Air Amistad 2002 Sunday. The air show featured the Air Force Thunderbirds, a Wings of Blue Parachute Team jump demonstration, F-18 and F-117 demonstrations and a P-51/Japanese Zero dogfight. (See pages 12 and 13 for Air Amistad 2002 photos).

Aircraft maintenance receives national recognition



Photo by Patricia Watson

Robert Wood, 47th Operations Group maintenance director, examines a T-38 flight control.

By Patricia Watson

Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance projects officer

Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance received national recognition May 6 from the Public Employees Roundtable.

The annual "Breakfast of Champions" honors exceptional public service organizations from around the country in eight categories of competition.

The aircraft maintenance team at Laughlin was named best among federal agencies for providing sustained high-quality services to the United States public. Since 1989, this civil service team of approximately

630 federal employees has delivered championship aircraft maintenance service to the Air Force.

From 1996 to 2001, the team saved the Air Force an estimated \$126.8 million in payroll by performing services with 47 percent fewer employees than a conventional military unit that provides the same type of support. Additionally, the aircraft maintainers provided 554,709 accident-free flying hours attributable to aircraft maintenance.

Robert E. Wood, director of maintenance, said he is thrilled by the recognition. He sees it as a testament to the dedication

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By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Carl Swanson
Base Chaplain

Healthy spirit determines wartime capabilities

I suspect that deep in every warrior's heart and mind, there is a bit of trepidation over questions such as these: "How well will I do my duty in the face of the enemy?" "Will I do my duty with intrepid valor, even in the face of danger and suffering?" I'm going to help you settle such questions now.

If we find ourselves in combat, our training and equipment will prove indispensable to accomplishing our duties with valor. But, the determining factor, whether or not we prevail as a fighting force, will be what is in our spirits right now. And, I believe, the best predictor of future valor and intrepid duty in combat is to radiate character and virtue from our spirits in peacetime.

What is in your spirit this week? Is there determination to be a person who behaves with honorable actions? Are you arrogant and selfish or does "service before self" resonate in your heart of hearts as an attribute for which you constantly strive? Can folks trust and depend upon you here

because your actions flow from a spirit of integrity? Do the words from your spirit say what you mean and mean what you say? Are you in the Air Force primarily for the self enhancement of your own creature comforts and career goals, or does your spirit tell you to dive into the mission and be a vital part of the XL team? What about "XL?" Is "XL" merely an abstract sign by the Laughlin gates, or is "XL" branded upon your spirit an uncompromising commitment to "XL"ellent duty performance? Does your spirit radiate malicious words and nasty deeds or manners and civility?

My taste of combat came as a young Marine in Vietnam. I remember the Air Force flying C-130s and C-123s through hails of gunfire and then mortar rounds greeted them upon landing. They exhibited valor

and excellence just to bring us food, supplies and take our wounded to safety. My spirit is still grateful. My spirit trembled as the Air Force's B-52 strikes pounded the jungle, set the night horizon aglow, and as the AC-130 gunships sent long streaks of writhing gunfire out of the night sky. I would not be here to write this if the

Air Force, via interdiction and close air support, had not kept the enemy from swarming upon us. Many times I pray for God's help. Many times, I'm con-

vinced, the answer came via the brave spirit's of Air Force airmen.

Those airmen who flew the planes, provided the support and training had valor, grit, teamwork and tenacity in their spirits.

Now we are in a new war. This time casualties are inflicted within

"Those airmen who flew the planes, provided the support and training had valor, grit, teamwork and tenacity in their spirits."

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Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Timothy Fenner

47th Medical Group health services manager



Integrity, honor, discipline keys to service

Military bloodlines run within my family. My father was in the Air Force, Coast Guard and the Navy and retired after 23 years of service to his nation. The integrity, honor and discipline my father and his service buddies exposed me to from an early age through high school played a significant part in my decision to join the "worlds greatest Air Force." Those values and being stationed with others that shared these same

values, are what kept me in and assisted me in becoming a senior non-commissioned officer.

My journey in the Air Force has taught me many lessons in life; however, the one I value most is that everyone is different, though we all share some basic values.

My philosophy is basically that you learn from the good supervisors and you learn from the bad supervisors (not to act or make the mistakes they did), and to always give 100 per-

cent effort toward the mission.

As I look back on my career, I can honestly say my goals have been met, and I can walk away at anytime knowing that I did my absolute best. After 21 years of active duty, my family is still number two in my life (God is number 1).

My personal advice to everyone is remember to keep your friends and family as a priority in your life, they and their freedom are the reasons you execute the Air Force mission each day.



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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

Choice to use drugs sends airman's career up in smoke

By Special Agent Jeff Williams

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. During my 16 years with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, I have seen many young airmen end their careers because they made the wrong choice.

When you enlisted in the Air Force and later during basic training, you were educated about how we do things in the military. Some people take that education to heart and take pride in what they do. Others, however, fall back to the lifestyle they were involved in, or even ran away from, before they signed on the dotted line.

We recently investigated a young airman who, according to his supervisors, had outstanding potential and a great future with the Air Force. That all came to an end the day we apprehended him for using marijuana.

His story was pretty much the same as others I had heard. He hooked up with some old high school friends who were going

nowhere with their lives, and they eventually smoked marijuana together. Bad choice. His friends, who were apprehended with him, received the equivalent of a traffic ticket and a fine, while he received an Article 15 and an Air Force discharge under other than honorable conditions.

It's not often an AFOSI agent will quote an Area Defense Counsel lawyer, but I recently read an article written by Capt. Conrad Huygen, ADC at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, entitled "Top 10 Ways to Stay Out of Jail." In his article, he writes three observations he has noted during his time as a defense counsel.

The one of relevancy here reads, "Drug use is by far the most common court-martial of-

fense, and it oftentimes follows drinking. If you use drugs, you'll get caught, because one of your friends will rat on you – drug use tends to be a group activity, and someone always ends up talking about it."

During the first quarter of 2002, I watched four young airmen throwaway their careers because they wanted to get high. One of the four talked about it, and a responsible individual reported it to the proper authorities. The rest was easy. Once one confessed, they all rolled on each other. That's a pretty common occurrence in my business.

According to AFOSI statistics, the number of drug abuse investigations initiated in the Air Force during 2000 increased by 45 percent from 1999. The most notable trend in Air Force drug abuse was the rise and growing dominance in the use of Ecstasy. Information developed from other drug investigations and received from confidential informants were the lead predilections for initiating drug abuse investigations in the Air Force during 2000.

Marijuana and Ecstasy were the preferred drugs of abuse, and the percentage of Air Force affiliated drug subjects including active duty, Air Force civilians and dependents investigated during 2000 increased. The percentage of active-duty drug subjects investigated also increased and has continued on an upward trend since 1995.

The majority of Air Force-affiliated investigations by AFOSI continues to involve people in the 19- to 25-year-old age group, primarily in the grades E-1 through E-4.

If you are faced with making a good or bad decision concerning illegal drug use, selecting the bad choice could be the last decision you'll make in your Air Force career.

come to us and we are all on the front lines.

Will we prevail in this new war? I'm confident we will. Because everyday, as I go about ministry at Laughlin Air Force Base, I see good stuff from your spirits; like service, integrity, excellence, patriotism, honorable behavior, raw courage and many more virtues that you will immediately draw from when hostility comes at you. Good stuff, that no evil shall ever overcome.

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW Commander

Car searches

Question: I'm curious why I was pulled over on my way off base. I was informed that my driving privileges would be revoked if I denied the search. I know it wasn't the nice gentleman's fault, but I don't understand being searched when you're leaving the base. People coming on base from the local area are the ones who need to be searched.

Answer: You were stopped at a random vehicle checkpoint. These random checks are a necessary element of force protection and are required per Air Force Instruction. The time and location of these checks are computer-generated, so they are completely random. The primary purpose in stopping people going off base is to deter people who consider removing unauthorized government property from the installation.

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

Why are supported and supporting relationships important?

An improperly supported/supporting relationship can cost money, resources and lives. Factors that can influence the relationship include experience, geographic location and the forces and capabilities available.

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our borders. And once again, our nation looks to the Air Force to prevail by combat and defense operations, helping other services and our allies.

Whether you are a combatant trigger puller, bomb dropper or you support combat operations and training in other ways, you are a warrior. There are no rear areas of safety. The enemy has

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worked extensively with force deployment decisions. The Air War College lessons allowed me to keep in touch with these broader issues while flying the line here at Laughlin."

Vincent has been invited to the Air War College to participate in the June

National Security Forum and awards and graduation ceremonies where he will receive his award June 3.

The NSF is an annual event in which prominent civilian and military leaders are brought together with Air War College resident students and faculty for a candid exchange of views on national security issues.

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and team spirit of his employees. According to Wood, his unit now has achieved this national recognition for evidence of how totally committed federal employees can serve public interest in national defense.

Wood said his aircraft maintenance team's quality-first, dollar-smart attitude provides the key to its continuing success story.

"Not only do these employees contribute [more than] \$26 million yearly to the local economy," said Wood, "they generate [more than] 70,000 sorties yearly and ensure that almost 500 student pilots a year have the opportunity to earn their wings."



Photo by Rob Poteat

Beach bash

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Matthew, make their appearance at the 2002 Beach Bash at the base picnic grounds May 10. The beach bash was held to entertain base residents and visiting aircrews of Air Amistad 2002. Entertainment included a live band, horseshoe tournament, limbo contest and tug of war. An estimated crowd of more than 1,000 people enjoyed the festivities.

Safety seat check set

The Health and Wellness Center, in conjunction with Val Verde Safe Kids Coalition, will sponsor a free child passenger seat checkup event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the base exchange parking lot.

The event is open to everyone wanting to know if their child passenger seats are installed correctly. The child must be in the vehicle to have a seat checked.

For more information, please call 298-6464.

Scholarship dinner set

The Officers' Spouses Club will host a scholarship dinner Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Club XL ballroom.

R.S.V.P. to Audi Lockhart at 298-7340.

Interviewing skills taught

Learn what you can expect during interviews and valuable tips on impressing a prospective employer during an Interviewing for Success seminar at 2 p.m. May 21 in the Family Support Center conference room.

To sign up, call 298-5620 by 4:30 p.m. today.

College registration held

Registration for the Summer I 2002 session for Southwest Texas Junior College will be held from

Newsline

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 24 in building 316.

For more information, call 298-5827.

Medical group practices

The 47th Medical Group will practice its Alternate Medical Facility Contingency Plan from 7 a.m. to noon May 29. This practice meets Air Force requirements and identifies any shortcomings in case the Alternate Medical Facility relocates to the Fiesta Center.

The Medical Group will see all scheduled patients and walk-ins/sick call at the Fiesta Center. Patients with appointments should report to the Fiesta Center. Dental sick call will be available at the Fiesta Center for screening purposes only; if treatment is required patients will be referred to the Dental Clinic. The Pharmacy will remain open at the clinic.

All services will resume at noon in the clinic. Direct questions to Maj. Nina Watson at 298-6463 or Tech Sgt. Terry Patterson at 298-6410.

Promotion ceremony set

An enlisted promotion ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. May 31 at Club Amistad.

For more information, call 298-5336.

Mosquito traps set

Public Health actively surveys and traps mosquitoes from April to October.

Base people are encouraged not to touch the traps. Traps may be hung outside the fencelines of base housing, as well as other places.

For more information, or if you know of mosquito problem areas on base, call the public health office at 298-6380.

Recruitment under way

Air Command and Staff College seminar recruitment is now under way. Seminars begin in early August and continue through late June each year.

For details, call 298-5545.

Dental clinic change

Afternoon dental sick call is now at 12:30 p.m. Morning sick call will be held at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call 298-6443.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the parks and vacant lots of Del Rio.

For more information, call Senior Airman Mike Osburn at 298-1068 or 5633.

**If you know of or suspect Fraud, Waste and Abuse,
call the FWA hotline at 298-4170.**

AETC members to travel in uniform

All members of Air Education and Training Command will now be in uniform when on official travel.

In a command-wide memorandum released April 29, Gen. Don Cook, AETC Commander, announced the uniform wear policy is in effect immediately.

According to the command policy, airmen of all ranks in AETC will wear a blue service uniform, with either a short- or long-sleeve shirt including tie or tab, when traveling on temporary duty at government expense in the continental United States. Members have the option of wearing the lightweight blue or leather jacket.

The policy contains the following exceptions, and people may wear civilian attire when:

- Members with a confirmed flight upgrade under the Congressionally approved frequent-traveler benefits program. Members are reminded they may not accept on-the-spot upgrades when in uniform.
- Conditions, such as long trips with extended layovers, would result in a less than professional appearance.

Before traveling overseas, people must consult the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide for uniform wear travel restrictions and should comply accordingly.

**(Courtesy of AETC
News Service)**

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HOUSE**

101 Critical Days of Summer to begin

Memorial Day is celebrated each year as a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to their country.

Memorial Day is the first big holiday to usher in a summer filled with fun and outdoor activities. For the Air Force community, Memorial Day marks the start of the "101 Critical Days of Summer," running from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

The 101 Critical Days campaign strives to remind people that they need to stay focused on whatever their activities are at the moment. It's easy to become distracted from work, both on the job and at home.

The number one killer during this time of year is traffic mishaps. Many people will be on the road at some time this summer. Some will spend long hours driving to vacation destinations, risking their safety by driving while fatigued and less alert. There will be many trips to the beach or favorite campsites, and often people will be in long lines of traffic that try their patience. There are even many short trips for shopping that increase exposure to the possibility of being involved in a traffic mishap.

Let us consider the obvious for a moment: Seat belts save lives – we all know that

by now. So why not protect ourselves, our family and friends by insisting that they buckle up?

We also know that drinking and driving is against the law and is a thoughtless act. Almost half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes involve drivers who are impaired by alcohol or drugs. Those who know they will be drinking should plan before the first drink how they plan to get to their homes. This plan should include having a non-drinking designated driver.

Are you a swimmer? If you go swimming, swim with a friend, swim in safe areas, and know your limits. Never dive into water of unknown depth. You must know the water conditions for lakes and rivers – the water temperature, the currents and any hazards such as waterfalls or dams. Be particularly careful at Lake Amistad, as the water level is very low.

Be extra careful when water skiing and boating. Familiarize yourself with the lake before participating in water sports. In parts of the country where white water rapids are common, you must be able to demonstrate to your commander that you are skilled and qualified to operate a raft in white water, and that you know all the safety measures involved with white water rafting.

And as in driving a car, boat operators know that it is illegal to operate a boat while intoxicated. Boating while intoxicated is just as dangerous as driving a car while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Remember that your passengers are counting on you for their safety.

Speaking of passengers, you need to have a life jacket for every person on the boat, and they must be the proper types for the water environment you're in. Children have special requirements: they need well-fitted life vests, which will keep their heads above water if they fall overboard.

"We will soon begin the 101 Critical Days of Summer," said Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander. "Every person at Laughlin is important to the mission. It is absolutely necessary that we all work together to avoid injuries, utilize risk management, and drink plenty of water – especially now that the mercury is rising."

The Wing Safety Office has prepared a Summer Safety Kit to offer safety tips for various summer activities.

For more information on 101 Critical Days of Summer, safety issues or getting a safety kit call 298-5679.

(Courtesy of the 47th Flying Training Wing safety office)

Air Force provides laser vision corrective surgery

By Dr. (Capt.) John Mileski

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron optometry chief and

Staff Sgt. Jerry Dunn

47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron optometry NCOIC

For more than a year now, Air Force surgeons at Wilford Hall Medical Center have been using lasers to correct the vision of aviators and special duty personnel.

Photorefractive Keratectomy is an FDA-approved, elective procedure aimed at reducing the need for spectacles and/or contact lenses.

The Air Force is now offering PRK for all active-duty members. Those interested in applying should logon to <https://www.afms.mil/warfightereyes> for detailed information on the new USAF "Warfighter" PRK Program.

Interested personnel are encouraged to thoroughly review the program policy contained at the Web site. Squadron commanders will have a key role in the approval process and are highly encouraged to review the Web site contents as well.

Some program highlights include:

- Squadron commander permission is required.
- Trip to the laser center may be a unit-funded temporary duty assignment, permissive TDY or regular leave.
- Members must have six months retainability (should have one year retainability) at the time of surgery.
- Normal, unrestricted duties may be limited for two to four weeks following PRK.
- Members are restricted from mobility status for up to four months following PRK.

The optometry clinic is scheduling appointments on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those interested must have a commander's authorization form signed before visiting the clinic in person to schedule the baseline referral exam.

Call 298-6429 for details regarding PRK.

**Going on
vacation?
Take safety with
you.**

Eagle Eyes: Countering terrorism requires your help

Compiled from staff reports

Only you know who or what does or does not belong in your building, neighborhood or work center.

Recognition of this fact is behind one of the latest Air Force antiterrorism initiatives, a program known as Eagle Eyes.

The program has characteristics of a typical neighborhood-watch program, and Air Force officials consider it a key piece in the service's antiterrorism strategy.

According to Pat Shannon, Air Force Office of Special Investigations at Laughlin special agent in charge, the program takes its cue from the experiences of British and Israeli authorities, who have significant experience dealing with urban terrorism.

"They make it their business to pay a lot of attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they're being targeted," he said. "Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives."

Anyone with something to report should immediately

call the 47th Security Forces desk sergeant at 5100. From there, security forces will respond as appropriate to the immediate situation and immediately pass the report to OSI.

From there, OSI will begin appropriate follow-up action, which may include an agent responding to talk with the person who called in the report to gain additional information on what was seen or heard.

At the same time, the information will be quickly upchannelled to OSI's central analytical center at Andrews AFB, Md., to compare with other Air Force reports, as well as similar information from the Army, Navy and other federal agencies.

But it all begins at the local level, Shannon said, where terrorists conduct operational planning activities.

"Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report," he said. "Terrorist acts don't just happen – they are carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance."

Shannon said public awareness of what to look for and take note of – both on and off base – is key.

"This is something the whole community needs to be involved in," he said. "Anyone – from active-duty military members, to family members, to government civilians, contractors and even off-base business proprietors – could see something out of the ordinary, report it and make the difference between a terrorist act occurring or not occurring. Our best chance to detect and prevent a terrorist act in our community is to vigilantly report it. The more eyes and ears we can enlist to be on the lookout for suspicious activity, the more difficult we can make it for terrorists to act."

Shannon said people shouldn't be gun-shy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be innocent behavior.

"That's bound to happen from time to time, but you don't know if it's innocent until you report it and have it checked out," he said. "We're much less concerned about too much reporting than we are with too little. When lives are at stake, it's better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt, report it. Your call could make the difference. The bottom line is if something bothers you or doesn't seem right, tell

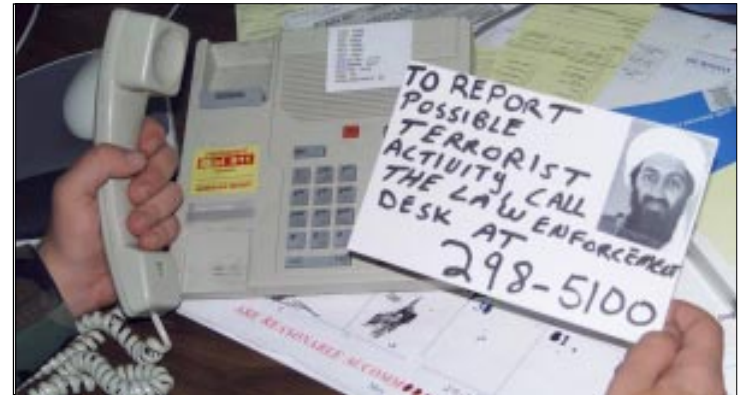


Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

someone."

Shannon said activity that should be reported can be classified into seven broad categories:

- **Elicitation.** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.
- **Tests of security.** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- **Acquiring supplies.** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

■ **Suspicious persons out of place.** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

■ **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

■ **Deploying assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

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of or suspect
Fraud, Waste
and Abuse,
call the FWA
hotline at
298-4170.

SUPT Class 02-09 members graduate today,

Compiled from staff reports

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Anderson Hall auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 "Tweet." In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-

Lt. Gen. William Looney III, Air Force Materiel Command Electronic Systems Center Commander, will be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony.

flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker and cargo aircraft training in the T-1 aircraft; fighter/bomber training in the T-38; turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1. Advanced training in a track takes about 26 weeks.

Graduates of Class 02-09 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the country.



1st Lt. Victor Aguilar
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



1st Lt. Darrin Davis
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. David Balmer
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Matthew Brockhaus
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Ruben Olivas
KC-135, Phoenix, Ariz., ANG
Class leader



2nd Lt. Joseph White
T-38, Laughlin AFB
Assistant class leader



2nd Lt. Jessica Buchta
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Michael Conrad
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



(Courtesy photo)

Pictured are the three jets used to train Laughlin student pilots. Clockwise from left are the T-38 Talon, T-1A Jayhawk and T-37 Tweet.



2nd Lt. Michael Flocco
C-9, Scott AFB, Ill., AFRES



2nd Lt. Craig Golding
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

transition from students to Air Force pilots



2nd Lt. Nathan Higgins
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Brain Hutten
C-130, Channel Island, Calif., ANG



2nd Lt. Andrew Jacob
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. David Klien
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Jonathan Magee
C-130, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.



2nd Lt. Matthew Minkley
T-37, Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Andrew Parker
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Timothy Pasieka
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Donald Schmidt
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Eric Theriault
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Jody Turk
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



2nd Lt. Aaron Walenga
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Joseph Walter
F-16, Madison, Wis., ANG



2nd Lt. Bryan Wojcik
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Thousands show up for Air Amistad 2002

Photos by Dave Niebergall

Texas Management Associates photographer



(Clockwise from above) A parachutist from the Wings of Blue Parachute Team brings in the U.S. flag to help kick off Air Amistad 2002.

The Air Force Thunderbirds fly in formation over the Laughlin flightline during a demonstration for approximately 25,000 people.

The Thunderbirds commander re-enlists two Laughlin members and enlists five people from the surrounding communities into the Air Force. Senior Airman Corazon Pol, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, and Senior Airman Alan James, 47th Communications Squadron, were the re-enlistees.

An Air Force Thunderbirds crew chief prepares an F-16 Fighting Falcon prior to the Thunderbirds' demonstration.





(Clockwise from left) An A-10 (left) and P-40 perform a heritage flight over the Laughlin flightline.

Ricky Recruiter of the Air Force Experience greets guests from the local community. The Air Force Experience van travels across the U.S. to build interest in the Air Force.

A MiG15 and a T-33 perform for the crowds at Air Amistad 2002.

The Del Rio High School Air Force Junior ROTC drill team entertains air show spectators.

Andrew Luiken, son of Lt. Col. Marc and Suzanne Luiken, 47th Operations Group deputy commander, displays his respect to the U.S. flag.





Courtesy photo

Deployed

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Svejcar, 47th Services Division fitness specialist, poses in front of a humvee at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. Svejcar is deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. He is currently a patrol member, entry controller and an observer for the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

Thinking about getting out? Think again!
Call the career assistance adviser at 298-5456 for guidance.

Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass
Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
 ● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall
Thursday 6 p.m., Choir
Tuesday-Friday ● 12:05 p.m., Mass
 ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days of Obligation
Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment
Religious Education/Bible Study 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish

Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim

Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., General worship
Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., Women's Bible Study at chapel
 ● 6 p.m., Choir at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

The XLER

Hometown:

Frankfurt, Germany

Family: Father, Michael; mother, Beate; sister, Christina; and brother, Steve.

Time at Laughlin:

2 years, 8 months

Time in service:

2 years, 11 months

Greatest accomplishment:

Testing into a Swiss high school that I wanted to attend while living in Zurich. My middle-school teacher tried to convince me and my parents that I couldn't succeed because I was an American and supposedly did not have the necessary background.

Hobbies: Traveling

Bad habit: Forgetting people's names.

Favorite film:

The Last Castle

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? My grandfather who passed away the year I was born.



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Airman 1st Class Teresa Ortman
 47th Mission Support Squadron
 personnel employment airman in charge



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Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Thoughts and prayers

Patrick Flores, archbishop of San Antonio, speaks about the importance of family and educating children at the base chapel May 10. Flores was in the Del Rio area to celebrate confirmations and at Laughlin to learn about the Catholic program here.



Laughlin Salutes

Quarterly award winners

Airman

♦ Airman 1st Class Matthew Reyes, 47th Communications Squadron

Noncommissioned officer

♦ Staff Sgt. Leonard Buckless, 47th Operations Support Squadron

Senior noncommissioned officer

♦ Senior Master Sgt. David Cannon, 47th Operations Support Squadron

Company grade officer

♦ 1st Lt. Anthony Chu, 47th Operations Support Squadron

Civilian category I

♦ Susie Weber, 47th Communications Squadron

Civilian category II

♦ Clive Trammell,

47th Operations Group

Civilian category III

♦ Gilberto Martinez, 47th Operations Group

NAF category I

♦ Diego Almarez, 47th Services Division

Instructor pilot

♦ Capt. Jeffrey Dellinger, 47th Operations Support Squadron

Volunteer

♦ Master Sgt. Michael Sweet, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron

Health and safety

contributor

♦ Staff Sgt. Scott Parker, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Honor guard member

♦ Senior Airman Natosha Blevins, 47th Security Forces Squadron

Interested in the Air Force?

Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.



Courtesy photo

Important cooking

Jesse Salas, a chef at Laughlin, meets Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, during the secretary's Feb. 17 visit to Salt Lake City, Utah, for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Salas was assigned to a station there in order to provide food services to military members who were providing security for the Olympics.

Beware of advance fee loans

By Tara Wade

*47th Flying Training Wing
Legal Office clerk*

If you have had difficulty getting a loan through normal sources, you may become the target of con artists offering advance fee loans, in which you are offered a "guaranteed loan" for a fee paid in advance.

Advance fee con artists often ask for a percentage of the gross loan amount as their fee. For example, if a five percent fee is requested, you would have to pay \$500 for a loan of \$10,000. The promoter steals your money then leaves town or makes himself unavailable to you, often stalling with various excuses as to why your loan has not been funded. He then continues taking advantage of other victims.

The following tips should help you avoid victimization:

- Obtain the name of the loan representative and the name, address and telephone number of the company.
- Obtain the name of the lending institution that will

supposedly fund your loan, then verify with the lender all representations made by the promoter.

■ Ask the promoter for names, addresses and phone numbers of some of his other customers, and contact them to see if their loans were legitimate.

■ Obtain legal assistance from an attorney before you sign any advance fee loan paperwork.

You should ask yourself how the promoter is able to get a loan for you when you have been turned down for a loan numerous times. Always exercise caution when asked to pay a loan fee in advance.

If you have been a victim of an advance fee loan scheme, visit the Legal Office during walk-in legal assistance hours, which are from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday.

Only military members, retired military members and their dependents are eligible for legal assistance.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Skeet challenge

Col. Kenneth DesRosier and Col. George Doran take aim at clay pigeons Monday during the 2002 Chiefs and Eagles Skeet Showdown at the base trap and skeet range. The Chiefs won the event 96 to 83.

Sportslines

Personal trainer available

The XL Fitness Center has a personal trainer on staff to assist people with health and fitness needs. Sessions are \$35. For more information, call 298-7492.

Five kilometer fun run held

Twenty-six people participated in a five kilometer fun run May 3. Kristen Thompson came in first for the women with Roxane Bennet coming in second. Jeffrey Kelly came in first for the men with John Hamilton coming in second.

8-ball pool tournament held

Six people participated in an 8-ball pool tournament May 6-10 at the Fiesta Center. David McCracken won first place, Ramon Martinez took second and Evaristo Patino finished third.

Bowling standings

Team	Points	Team	Points
OSS	155-101	Services	132-124
Boeing	154-102	CE	112-144
DeCA	142-114	Commtracting	101-155
FTW	141-115	SFS	87-169

Summer heat can be dangerous

By Dr. (Capt.) Lisa Firestone
47th Medical Group flight surgeon

The temperature is starting to sizzle in Southern Texas, and it's only going to get hotter. Summer temperatures in Del Rio can reach 110-115 F. As the mercury rises so does the rate of heat-related illnesses. Heat illness, including heat exhaustion and heat stroke, occurs when heat is generated or gained by the body faster than it can be dissipated. Estimates of heat-related fatalities range from 300 to several thousand people each year in the United States.

Accidental overheating is dangerous to both man and animal. However, in nature, overheating can be used as a weapon. Hornets attack hives of Japanese honeybees. As a defense mechanism, the bees crowd around the invading hornet to form a "ball of bees." The bees rapidly vibrate their muscles and raise their own core temperature. This, in turn, heats the hornet to a toasty 110 F. The hornet dies of "heat-stroke" while the heat-tolerant bees survive.

Humans, like the hornet, are unable to tolerate prolonged periods of high temperatures. While classic heatstroke is more likely to be a disease of the elderly, the alcoholic and the infirm, exertional heat stroke affects young, healthy men and women during exercise. Most EHS victims are highly motivated, healthy individuals who exert themselves beyond their physiologic capacity, such as in military training exercises.

Preventative measures which have been implemented by the Israeli Defense Forces and other organizations around the world include acclimation to environmental conditions, adjusting physical efforts to match physical fitness, scheduling training to avoid the warmer hours of the day, establishing regulations to induce proper rehydration and commanding adequate rest periods during activity.

How can you recognize heat-related illness? Learn the symptoms. Heat exhaustion may include fatigue, weakness, nausea, vomiting, headaches and body aches. Victims may complain of dizziness and muscle cramps. They may be more irritable than usual.

Heatstroke is characterized by any or all of the symptoms of heat exhaustion. However, it is marked by the addition of neurological dysfunction. Victims may demonstrate bizarre behavior, hallucinations, confusion, disorientation and seizures. Their temperature is usually greater than 106 F.

Heatstroke may be due to accident, ignorance, poor judgment or neglect; however, it is considered a preventable illness. Fatal cases of heatstroke may be investigated for criminal intent.

Don't use poor judgment. Pay attention to weather warnings and heat stress indexes. One index is the wet bulb globe temperature. Safety in hostile environmental conditions depends on following strict rules for exposure time and work intensity. Oftentimes these are based on the WBGT which takes both temperature and humidity into account. The WBGT is used in the military to set limits on exercise training in hot weather, by sports associations to prevent heat injury and in different occupations (such as firefighters) as a safety index.

To help prevent heat-related illnesses use air conditioning, fans and ventilation. Wear light, loose-fitting and light-colored clothing. Do not expose your skin to sunlight. Wear a hat, long sleeves and long pants to decrease the absorbed heat from both the sun and surrounding objects (black body radiation). When in the shade, remove your hat and socially acceptable clothing. Bathe or shower in tepid water. To fully acclimatize to an area usually requires 90 minutes per day of exercise in hot conditions for at least one week. Plan outdoor activities in the early morning hours or in late evening to avoid the hottest hours of the day.

Stay hydrated. Drink 500 milliliters or 18 ounces (the standard cola can holds 12 ounces or 355 milliliters) of fluid two hours before exercising. Ten minutes prior to exercising drink 8 ounces of water. Continue to drink 8-12 ounces of water every 20-30 minutes of exercise. More fluids are necessary when traveling in desert climates. There maximal physical exertion leads to a loss of four liters of water per day, minimum activity in the shade loses two and a half liters per day. Monitor body weight before and after exercise. Any weight loss greater than two percent represents water depletion. In this case, rehydrate to normal body weight before continuing to exercise. In addition, monitor urine color. Urine should be clear. When it becomes darker, drink more.

If you suspect that someone is suffering from heat illness, place the victim in the shade. Remove any restrictive clothing. Cover the victim with water and try and keep their skin wet at all times. Improvise a fan and cool the victim. Call for help or transport the victim to the nearest medical facility.